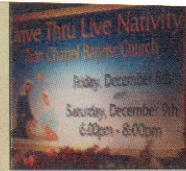


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# The Elba Clipper

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## Longtime Dorsey Trailer employee named facility's new plant manager

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba-based manufacturer Dorsey Trailer announces the promotion of longtime employee Kenneth Brooks to Plant Manager.

Brooks began serving in August as the interim plant manager, and he was named plant manager in November.

"I have been employed with Dorsey for 26 years and have seen and worked with many employees and plant managers," said Dorsey Trailer president Trey Gary. "Kenneth Brooks is the cream of the crop. If there ever was a story of perseverance and patience, he is it."

Brooks began working with Dorsey in October 2009 as a welder on the line, but he quickly moved up to line supervisor. After several years of hard work and dedication, he eventually was named assistant plant manager.

Gary said Brooks had been involved with and worked in every department at Dorsey in some way or another throughout his years of employment, and he was learning and gaining knowledge all along the way.

"When his time came to be named plant manager, Kenneth was not only ready but rose to the occasion and excelled," Gary said.

Joseph Scott, assistant vice president at Dorsey, said he has worked with a lot of people over the years at Dorsey, but Kenneth is by

far the brightest and hardest working employee he has ever encountered.

"He is an extremely loyal employee and has always put Dorsey and its employees ahead of himself," Scott said.

Brooks also has played a key role in the engineering department, according to Scott, by helping that department with areas to improve the fit and function of Dorsey trailers. Since being named interim plant manager, he has not

only improved all areas of Dorsey's manufacturing, but he also has increased efficiency of building trailers...building trailers at lower man hours that ever before in the company's history.

Scott further noted that the Dorsey team has rallied around Brooks as the new plant manager with all working as a team in implementing his ideas and work

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Dorsey Trailer president Trey Gary, right, congratulates Kenneth Brooks, left, on being named the new plant manager for the Elba-based manufacturing facility. Brooks began working with the company several years ago as a welder and has steadily moved up the ranks. He was named interim plant manager earlier this year and officially named plant manager in November.



The Elba community cheered the Elba Tigers football team Monday night, Dec. 4, as the players, coaches and managers were part of the 2023 Christmas Parade. The Tigers season ended last Friday night in the Class 1A semifinals. Above, senior kicker Alex Wisecup (right) waves to cheering fans as the team's float made its way along the parade route. Wisecup was ranked as high as second in the nation this football season on one stats site among kickers for successful PAT attempts. He was a large part of the team's overall success this season. Also pictured is Landon Pridgen, one of the team managers, and senior player Austin Agullar.

## Brantley man arrested on murder charge

A Brantley, Alabama man was arrested last week and charged with murder and illegal drug possession after a death investigation was initiated in Crenshaw County.

According to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, special agents

with the ALEA's State Bureau of Investigations (SBI) launched a homicide investigation at the

Burbage

The deceased was identified as Angel Renea Soisson, age 32, of Dozier, Ala.

request of the Crenshaw County Sheriff's Office and the Crenshaw County District Attorney's Office. The incident occurred near the 6000 Block of Old Three Notch Road near the Bull-ock Community in Crenshaw County.

The deceased was identified as Angel Renea Soisson, age 32, of Dozier, Ala. Officials arrested Dustin Lee Burbage, age 40, of Brantley. He was charged with murder, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Burbage was booked into the Crenshaw County Jail with bond set at \$475,000.

Nothing further was released as the investigation remains ongoing, according to ALEA officials.

## Elba Police make drug trafficking arrest

Coffee County Jail records show that Terriun Goosby, age 28, of Enterprise, Ala. was arrested Sunday, Dec. 3, by Elba Police on multiple drug charges.

The records indicate Goosby was charged with drug trafficking [\$300,000 bond], possession of marijuana - first degree [\$25,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$25,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$5,000 bond]. He was booked into the county jail at 1:57 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

The jail report further showed that Goosby was released on bond Monday evening, Dec. 4th.



"It's a Hallmark Christmas!" seemed fitting for Elba's Christmas Parade Grand Marshal entry Monday night, Dec. 4, as Charles and Becky Hayes (pictured above) were transported through the city on a beautiful horse-drawn carriage. The Hayes' seemed to have a jolly time as they ushered the Christmas season into their hometown. The Elba Christmas Parade is sponsored each year by the Elba Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the City of Elba. This year's event was quite spectacular with over 70 entries. See more photos from the parade on Pages 8 & 9 of today's paper.

## Renowned concert pianist set to provide free concert Saturday evening at the Elba Theatre

Boston-based concert pianist Miki Sawada is traveling across Alabama Dec. 1-14 with her own piano as part of the Gather Hear Tour, and Elba is on the tour list.

Sawada will give a free public concert Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Elba Theatre beginning at 7 p.m., presented by Restoration 154.

In total, Sawada will perform nine free public concerts in seven towns and cities across the state, and also visit local public schools and Alabama prisons. Through the Gather Hear Tour, Sawada is on a mission to perform in all 50 states, inspiring human connection across political and socio-economic divides.

The project was launched in 2017 in Alaska, and has since reached thousands in West Virginia, Utah, Massachusetts, and Louisiana. The idea



Boston-based concert pianist Miki Sawada is traveling across Alabama Dec. 1-14 with her own piano as part of the Gather Hear Tour. She will be in Elba this Saturday evening to give a free concert at the Elba Theatre.

of Gather Hear came to Sawada a week after the 2016 presidential election, when she - a Japanese native who immigrated to America - despaired over the reality of a divided country. She looked for ways to use classical music to understand

our country better through concerts that are personal, intimate, and welcoming to all.

By taking classical music outside of formal concert halls and into "everyday" spaces, presenting it in a friendly and inclusive manner, Sawada aims to break down typical barriers of entry to classical music and create occasions for us to experience a shared humanity.

Gather Hear's success relies on partnerships with local organizations. In Alabama, Sawada collaborates with arts or social service organizations who are passionate about making positive change in their local communities.

"It has been such a joy to plan this tour, learning about all these Alabama organizations who are doing incredible and inspiring work, often fighting odds against them," Sawada said. "The people who run these organizations have been enthusiastic and grateful that I'm bringing music to their communities, and I feel like they're already my friends."

Sawada's concert program features African American composers alongside Europeans, interspersed with poetry readings that reflect Alabama. This tour is made possible in part by a grant from Alabama State Council on the Arts. Gather Hear Alabama is a project of Gather Hear, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to deliver professional

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## Area Happenings

**The Coffee County Board of Education will conduct** a work session and regular monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 7, at the BOE office, located on Reddoch Hill Road in Elba. The work session will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**The Elba Elementary School PTO will meet** Thursday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m., at the school. All are invited to attend.

**The Elba City Board of Education will hold** its December meeting Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m., at the Central Office.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"You can't have everything. Where would you put it?" – Steven Wright

Italy's 'leaning tower' has stood tipsily – but steadily – for nearly 1,000 years. But now, the days of the Garisenda tower in Bologna, Italy, could be numbered. Experts have noted the 'lean' is increasing at a faster rate than previously and cracks are appearing in the foundation. Repairs are not an option anymore. The government has started constructing a barrier around the projected path of the falling structure to hopefully prevent damage to surrounding buildings.

Our "thankful" column during the Thanksgiving edition of The Elba Clipper attracted some positive comments, for which we are grateful. However, with the space limitations of the printed word, we left out so many events for which we will be forever thankful that we have the urge to go around expressing apologies for the omissions. So if you are one of those who expressed 'thanks' and our reaction seemed less than enthusiastic, it is because of our guilt for the omissions.

Earthquakes are usually followed by after-shocks. However, scientists have recently . . . with a straight face . . . said that modern day earthquakes are actually after-shocks of earthquakes that occurred in the 1800s. We are not in a position to argue that statement with any facts, or even acceptable scoffing but . . . we kinda look at those scientists out of the corner of our eyes and wonder exactly what they are drinking!

Former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is probably correct in citing the need for long range changes in the Social Security and Medicare programs but she is skating on thin ice. As most politicians will tell you, just the slightest misstep in explaining her ideas for such reform could be the death of her campaign for president. While it is hard to not support changes that will keep the programs from running out of money, most voters are defensive of anything that will disrupt their SS checks and/or their government supported medical insurance program. Haley's campaign is surging as she continues to 'say the right things' but talking about changing the two above government programs is like having a tiger by the tail, regardless of the reality of them facing the ultimate issue of running out of money.

The Elba Christmas parade Monday night was a success. What struck us most was not the number of entries but the Christmas lights and other holiday related details added to the many entries. It was encouraging to see that area citizens were demonstrating an upbeat attitude coming into the annual celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The robocalls have not stopped, but thankfully have slowed down. Some of those folks finally got the word that 'don't call us, we will call you.' Hopefully when the deadline passes this week for Medicare enrollment the rest of these folks will stop calling us. Of course, there is one bunch offering us GREAT burial insurance, and the only thing that stops them is our death . . . or theirs!

## Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, through Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

**Tuesday, Nov. 28** – Suspicious circumstances reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (3:57 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1532 Powell Circle (12:48 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 967 Elm Ave – w/citation issued (7:07 p.m.); Domestic incident reported at 934 Sunset Blvd (8:22 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one citation, one written warning, and one unfounded.

**Wednesday, Nov. 29** – Animal complaint reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (11:55 a.m.); Gas drive off reported at 990 Hwy 203 (2:09 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1303 Neil Grantham Dr (2:10 p.m.);

Suspicious circumstances reported at 145 Tiger Dr (2:36 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Claxton Ave N (9:31 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 605 Mullins Circle (11:20 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and four citations.

**Thursday, Nov. 30** – Domestic incident reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:02 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 990 Hwy 203 (11:25 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (2:14 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Newton St and Adkinson Ave – w/arrest (4:28 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

**Friday, Dec. 1** – Theft of property reported at 933 Carver Dr (8:03 a.m.); Domestic incident reported at 612 Adams St (10:56 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 220 County Rd 401 (2:27 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (9:50 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, three verbal warnings, and one advice given.

**Saturday, Dec. 2** – Traffic accident reported at 5026 Hwy 125 (4:25 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on County Rd 510 (6:35 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted

in one verbal warning, and three citations.

**Sunday, Dec. 3** – Suspicious person reported at E Davis St and Court Ave (12:21 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (12:28 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (1:08 a.m.); Abandoned suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 203/Davis St at bridge (8:23 a.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

**Monday, Dec. 4** – Suspicious person reported at 595 Newton St (1:09 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 405 Hwy 203 (5:52 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 203 Riverview Dr (9:36 a.m.). Fourteen traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, six citations, one no action taken, and one verbal warning.

## Christmas Tea scholarship fund raiser planned for Saturday in Elba

The Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church will host a Christmas Tea Scholarship Fundraiser this Saturday, Dec. 9, from 2-4 p.m. The church is located at 720 E Davis St., Elba.

Guest speaker and soloist for the event will be Elba Elementary School principal Kenya Martin.

Entry fee is \$25 for ages 16 and up. Dress is festive semi-formal.

Tickets available from Daughters of Zion members.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Santa might not bring Papa coal for Christmas, but the jury is still out on whether Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister will fill his stocking with it!

Both Lou Lou and Sister woke up one morning last week the victims of a nasty stomach bug...it would end up knocking them both out of commission for around three days with lingering weakness for a few more days. Fortunately, both are feeling better as of this writing!

As for Papa...well, just as Lou Lou and Sister began their first and most miserable day with the illness – both had already realized work was a no-go that day, Papa decides to take off and go visiting! Over the next several hours, both

Lou Lou and Sister suffered through the ill-effects of their symptoms, neither able to help the other as they were victimized by the bug.

By early afternoon, Lou Lou managed to dial Papa's phone number to give him a call.

As a cheery Papa answered the call, the voice on the other end was not quite as cheery, and Papa knew right away things at home were far worse than he imagined when he left earlier in the day.

"We need Ginger Ale and Sprite," was all Lou Lou said. Papa knew by the sound of that request that things had really gone south since his departure, and he assured Lou Lou that he would be home soon with the requested items.

To Papa's defense, he did do a good job of 'taking care' of his girls after he realized the seriousness of the situation. He kept both supplied with Ginger Ale and/or Sprite for the remainder of that day, and he managed to get each to eat a piece of dry toast the next morning.

By afternoon of day two, Papa was hoping both would be ready for something more substantial to eat, but with each and every – "Want to try this or that?" – Answer: NO

By day three, the horizon looked much prettier as both Lou Lou and Sister decided they were going to beat the bug after all, but neither was ready to run any races until a few more days later. Actually, if we are being completely honest, they aren't really planning to run a race even on their best days, but you get the picture...they were feeling much, much better.

As for 'ole Papa...well, he escaped getting the virus. He did feel a little under the weather for a couple of days, but that just turned out to be seasonal sinus problems.

Now, several days later, the running joke at the Yonder Gang's house is that Papa might better be looking for coal in his stocking from his daughters since he abandoned them during the time they needed him most. Of course, his objection is that he did not realize the two were "that sick" or he would have never left them that day.

Both Lou Lou and Sister have decided to give him a little forgiveness there since he did come in clutch the remainder of the time they were sick. So...he might be okay after all...as in, socks instead of coal in that stocking. Only time will tell!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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## Josh Goforth to perform this weekend at We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge

Appalachian musician and storyteller Josh Goforth will back at the Chili County Christmas event at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge on December 8 and 9.

Goforth is a highly accomplished storyteller and acoustic musician playing 20 different instruments. He played fiddle for the movie Songcatcher, both onscreen and on the soundtrack. He has performed in all 50 states, all

across Europe, Asia, and Australia.

"Josh Goforth has performed at the Grand Ole Opry, at Carnegie Hall and at the We Piddle Around Theater," Lawrence Bowden, president of the sponsoring Brundidge Historical Society, said with a smile.

"Josh Goforth is back at our theater by popular demand. He has performed at our Christmas vent and at the Pike Piddlers

Storytelling Festival.

The Chili County Christmas event at the We Piddle Around Theater will include the preshow, a chili supper with trimmings and dessert and an evening of storytelling and music by Josh Goforth. It will be a great way to begin the holiday season and will be long remembered.

Tickets are \$30 and are available by calling 334-403-3394 or 670-6302 weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## American Pickers to film in Alabama

The American Pickers are excited to return to Alabama! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout this area in February 2024.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques.

They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable Characters and their collections.

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ten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to

give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore local hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell...we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public.

If interested, please send your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184 facebook: @GotAPick



## DORSEY

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ethic.

"To me, Kenneth makes it fun to work at Dorsey," Scott said. "The laughter and joking we have enjoyed over the years makes for some great memories, and I consider myself blessed to not only work with Kenneth but also to have him as a friend. I am excited to see what the future holds with Kenneth Brooks at the helm."

Gary said Dorsey is blessed to have Brooks,

and the company is excited for what the future holds. He said there are some big things happening in 2024, and Brooks will play a pivotal role in implementing new ideas and machinery to the plant floor.

"The future is extremely

## CONCERT

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How to Get Through the Holiday Season After the Loss of a Loved One - Blend Old Traditions with New Ones

For many people, Christmas is a favorite holiday full of many traditions. Whatever the holiday is, the first time it comes around after losing a loved one will definitely be different. With your loved one gone, the traditions just won't feel the same. Many people report they don't feel like celebrating much at all saying it just feels wrong to continue with the festivities when their loved one isn't there to participate.

If you do feel like you want to continue to celebrate it can be helpful to start blending old and new traditions together. There will likely be some traditions you want to continue, either because they are important to other family members, or because you feel like you can honor your loved one through the tradition. Other traditions you may wish to change.

Also, you will likely want to create some new traditions, particularly ones that honor and help you remember your loved one. For example, you might choose to hang up a new ornament on the tree that memorializes your loved one, or maybe you will choose to visit their grave site on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

It may also be that you want to switch the location of where you spend the holidays, either out of necessity if the person who used to host has passed away or because a change of venue will help ease some of your painful memories. Either way, make a thoughtful decision about where you would like to spend your holiday.

Once you have made some decisions about what traditions you want to keep or change, make sure to let everyone know your plans well in advance. Remember that other people may be grieving too, so it's best not to spring any big changes on them either at the last minute, if possible.

Be honest. If there is something you want to do or something you don't want to do, be clear. Explain your reasoning as best as possible. Hopefully you will be able to come to an agreement.

It's also important to remember that not everyone will be grieving the same way you are. Not everyone will want to spend the holidays the same way you do. The best you can do is try to compromise and realize you may have to do some things on your own if you can't come to an agreement.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

### TERITHA NELL MARLER

Mrs. Teritha Nell Marler, age 68, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Kerry Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in the Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Teritha was preceded in death by her husband, James Marler; daughter, Catina Miller; parents, James Woodrow and Vassie Ruth Mitchell; brother, Marshall Mitchell; and sisters, Peggy Oglesby, Sarah Anderson, Mavis Ezell, Joann Tew, and Brenda Hutchison.

Survivors include her daughter: Catrina (Deago) Bush, Jack, Ala.; grandsons: Tyler Anderson, Holt, Fla., Skyler Anderson, Jack, Jacob (Angie) Anderson, Fort Drum, NY, and Gabriel Miller, Jack; granddaughter: Destiny (Justin) Pittman, Brundidge, Ala.; and a sister, Shirley (Ken) York, New Brockton, Ala.



### MARY KATHERIN BURCH SAVIDGE

Mrs. Mary Katherin Burch Savidge, age 85, lovingly known as Kitty, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at her home on Taylor Avenue in Elba Ala. after an extended bout with cancer.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date. Coleman Funeral Home of Elba is assisting the Savidge family with arrangements.

Kitty was the widow of Guy R Savidge Jr. She was born June 26, 1938 to the late Dan and Annie Bell Burch. She was a member of Westside Baptist Church of Elba, where she served in different capacities throughout the years.

Survivors include her sisters: Molly Stellner, Elba, Patsy Jones, Athens Ala., Dixie Sciacca, Aquilar Colo., and Grace Day, Kinston Ala.; her nephew: Rick Burch, Elba, along with numerous other nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and loved ones.



### LEAH J. LUNA

Ms. Leah J. Luna, age 94, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, December 3, 2023, at Opp Health and Rehabilitation.

No local funeral services will be held. Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home in Okeechobee, FL will be

arranging funeral services and burial for Mrs. Luna in Basinger, FL where she will be laid to rest beside her late husband.

Survivors include her sons: Patrick Henry Luna (Tresa), Elba, and Mark Luna (Krista), Okeechobee, Fla.; daughters: Glendora Sutton (Jack) and Bonnie Luna Byers, both of Basinger. She is also survived by six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

### PAUL SMITH

Mr. Paul Smith, age 78, of Kinston, Ala., died

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, at his residence in Kinston.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Smith family.

Paul was preceded in

death by his parents, James Z. and Ether Mae Parrish Smith; sister, Mary Ann Smith; and his wife, Sue Smith.

Survivors include daughters: Lisa (Shayne) Arnett, and Wendy (Donald Jr.) Jackson, both of Kinston; son: Mark Smith, Kinston; granddaughters: Cassidy Odom, Kinston, Katlyn Salter, Opp, Ala., Cherry Jackson, Kinston, and Ramsi Anderson; grandsons: Brady Smith, and Christopher Jackson, Kinston; and great-grandson: Ellis Odom, Kinston.

### MARILYN GEOGHAGAN

Ms. Marilyn Geoghagan, age 88, a resident of Kinston, Alabama, died Friday, December 1, 2023 at Fort Walton Hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.



London Grantham enjoyed seeing Santa last Saturday, Dec. 2, during Breakfast with Santa at the Elba Country Club. London the daughter of Melissa Grantham.

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## Zion Chapel Baptist Church plans drive-thru Nativity, Dec. 8th & 9th

The Youth Ministry of Zion Chapel Baptist Church will be presenting "Journey to The Savior" - a drive-through living Nativity on Friday night, Dec. 8, and Saturday night, Dec. 9, from 6-8 p.m. each night.

Ten scenes will be used to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. Live animals, courtesy of Marley Acres, will be present in some of these scenes.

Vehicles will enter the

Nativity area from Coffee County Road 329 and exit onto Alabama Highway 87. This event is free. Make plans now to come join Zion Chapel Baptist Church for a very special reminder of the reason Christmas is celebrated.

For additional information, call (334) 300-6974 or (334) 447-2433.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Kit Johnson, Pastor  
First Baptist Church Elba

### Christmas Traditions

We all have Christmas traditions that bring back memories from years past all while making new ones.

The Elba Christmas Parade has become a new tradition for my family since moving to Elba in 2020. Like many of you, we also look forward to the Trawick Christmas lights in Enterprise, seasonal treats, family gatherings, and Christmas programs at church. Sometimes we forget how much we love our traditions until something prevents us from enjoying them.

Each year, my mother would by an ornament for each of her children to hang on the Christmas tree while they lived at home. When Christmas was over, that ornament and all my other ornaments, whether previously gifted or made, would go into a zip lock bag with my name on it until the next year. The weekend after Thanksgiving, the tree would go up, and I would take my bag of ornaments and hang them on the tree.

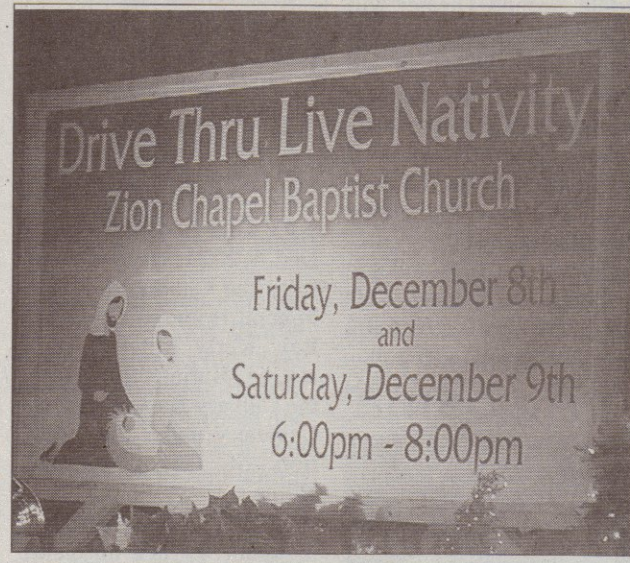
The year after I graduated and moved out, I showed up the weekend after Thanksgiving to find my ornaments already hanging on the tree. As an 18-year-old, I pitched a 5-year-old fit! My mother and I both learned that day how attached I was to that Christmas tradition.

Jesus is on record condemning certain man-made traditions in Mark 7:1-13 as they were contrary to the commandments of God. In Galatians 1:14, Paul describes Jewish teaching and practice as the "traditions of my fathers." In Colossians 2:8 He warns of empty "human tradition" that takes them captive. In other words, not all traditions are good nor bad. After all, Paul describes the gospel as a tradition in 2 Thessalonians employing the church to "hold firm" to that tradition.

Traditions are as old as history, but I want to encourage you to evaluate yours this holiday season. Ask, "does this tradition honor the Lord?" Even if the answer is no, it doesn't mean you have to abandon the tradition necessarily. Perhaps you can find a way to insert Jesus Christ in the middle of it.

While looking at lights remind others that Jesus is the truth light. While opening gifts, remind others that Jesus gives the greatest gift, the gift of salvation. If there is no room for Jesus in your current traditions, there is no better time to start a new tradition that features Him.

Just so you know, they removed my ornaments so that I could put them on myself that year and every year until I had a family of my own.



## First Baptist Church Elba offers special worship opportunities during December

First Baptist Church Elba will have several special services during the month of December to celebrate the birth of Christ.

The children's Christmas program will be Sunday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m., and the adult Christmas cantata will be Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m.

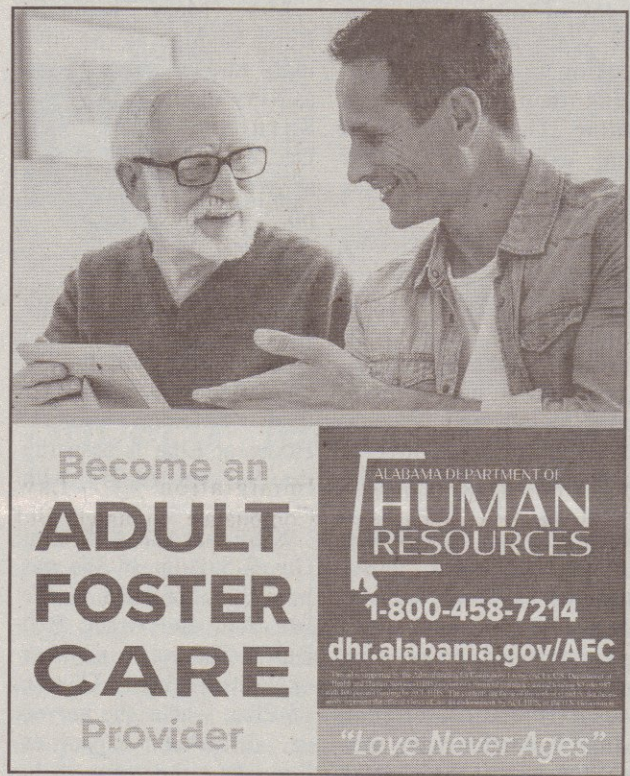
## Damascus Baptist Church invites all enjoy Dec. 17th Christmas cantata

The choir of Damascus Baptist Church will perform its Christmas cantata on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

"The Living Gift" will be a 25-minute Christmas

program. All are invited to come enjoy this special music program in celebration of the birth of Christ.

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Scripture: The Great Commission: Mark 16:15

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Praying for World Peace, Emily Newman, Robyn Patterson, Marcus Fitch, Ida Hooks, Orangig White, Theresa Irizarry, Single Parents

### November/December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kanika (KiKi) Belcher 11/26  
Paul and Charlotte Whitehurst 11/27 W.A.  
Willie M. Whitehurst 11/27  
Rev. A.R. Williams 11/27  
Audrey M. Bennett 11/27  
Caleb O. Kelley 11/27  
Winston T. Kelley Sr. 11/27  
William Kevin Tillis 11/28  
Isaiah Watkins 11/28  
Jennifer L. Henderson 11/29  
Kira Belcher-Harris 12/1  
Derrick Brooks 12/4  
Calvin Carpenter 12/5

### Seeing Angels and Seeking Signs

Many people testify they have experienced the presence of so-called guardian angels. Some even claim to have video proof! An internet search for "angel appearances," etc. will result in numerous hits. One video shows a figure with glowing hands appearing from nowhere to rescue a bicyclist who was hit broadside in an intersection by a truck. Immediately after the apparent collision, the figure and the victim disappear from the point of impact, only to be seen several yards away with the crash victim getting off a stretcher and limping to the curb. The figure that helped him is walking away. Another site tells the story of a Christian man who survived a "10,000 pound truck axle" that crushed him while two angels came to his aid to save his life. He experienced what is said to be a "miraculous recovery." Of course, it is possible for digital footage to be faked.

Yet, however, we explain such matters, numerous Biblical passages confirm angelic appearances.

In Gideon's case, the angel's presence gave him the needed courage to go into battle for the Lord. Does that mean it's wise to anticipate or even request a visit of an angel? There is no indication that Gideon did either! For those today seeking angelic visitation as a sign of some kind, the words of Jesus serve to remind that "a wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign," but the only sign He offered the people was the sign of Jonah (Matthew 16:4). Our faith is strengthened by the ever-present reality of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, not by a once-in-a-lifetime visit by an angel. - C.R.B.

### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 12/7/2023

Fill in the Blanks  
Q: The Psalmist predicted that all \_\_\_\_\_ shall come to God.

A: Flesh [Psalm 65:2]

Q: The Psalmist saw the Lord clothed in honor and \_\_\_\_\_.

A: majesty [Psalm 104:1]

### Thought to Remember

God's promise to be with us still applies!  
It is never too late to offer a prayer of thanks for godly parents.

### Questions for the Week of 12/14/23

True or False

Q: Christians should teach and admonish each other through singing.

Q: Faith and love have no inherent connection with one another.

Q: Even in Christ, there is still a sharp division between Jew and Greek.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

# Church Directory

<p><b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b></p> <p><b>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.</b> Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLE AME CHURCH</b> Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Remona Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b> Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week &amp; meal" 5:30 p.m. Bible Study &amp; Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Philip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA M ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Church Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b> Heath Fountain, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING WORD CHURCH</b> Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Will Jordan, Pastor Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH</b> Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON</b> Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PRATISE &amp; GLORY WORKSHOP CENTER</b> Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Kerry Saxon, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHADY GROVE AME</b> James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Leon Fortune, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Noon Worship... 12 noon Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba</b> Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b> Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lucas Taylor, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marter, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Coffee County Board of Education is requesting sealed bids for a security doors project at Kinston School, Zion Chapel School, and New Brockton High School:

• **All bidders must be a licensed Alabama General Contractor.**• **All bidders' home offices must be located within 50 miles of CCSS.**• **A mandatory site visit to each school campus is required to determine all necessary work to complete the project.**• **All bidders must attend a pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 in order to be eligible to submit a bid.**• **Overall scope of work includes but is not limited to the following:**- **Provide & install access control systems for selected entries and exists on multiple campuses**- **Access control systems must be compatible with current systems**- **All existing security doors will be utilized in the project and therefore must be compatible with the selected system**Bids will be received at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323 **UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ON Tuesday, December 12, 2023**, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read.Bid must be submitted on the school system's **Bid Proposal Form**. To adhere to the Alabama Immigration Law, the following forms must accompany all bids:E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding, Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance, and Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract. Bid submission packets must be properly labeled with the bid project title, vendor's name, address, phone number and general contractor's license number. All required documents must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked **"Security Doors Bid" TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, December 12, 2023.**

The lowest responsible bid meeting specifications will be presented to the Coffee County Board of Education at the next meeting for consideration and any award. Notification of any award will be provided to the successful low bidder only following Board approval.

If you would like more information regarding this bid and/or the pre-bid meeting, please contact Mr. DeWayne Hamilton, Facilities Coordinator, at (334) 554-0002.

**The Coffee County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids; to waive technicalities or informalities; and to award the bid to other than the high bidder if cause can be documented.****POSTED: 11/20/2023**

11/23,30&amp;12/7-chg.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA****ENTERPRISE DIVISION**In the Matter of the Estate of **Betty L. Smithson**, Deceased.

Case No.: PR-2023-191

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty L. Smithson, deceased, having been granted to Troy Bank and Trust Company, Personal Representative, on 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or thesame will be barred. **DONE** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 11/23,30, & 12/7-pd.**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA****IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY BOYD HARBUCK, DECEASED**

CASE NO.: PR-2023-211

**NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS**Letters Testamentary on the Estate of GARY BOYD HARBUCK, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Heather Johnson, HEATHER JOHNSON, Personal Representative of said Estate 11/23,30&12/7-pd**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA****ENTERPRISE DIVISION****IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN HUDSON, Deceased.**

CASE NO. PR 2023-210

**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tommy Ray Hataway, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Ann Hudson, deceased, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate 11/23,30&12/7-pd.**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA****ENTERPRISE DIVISION****IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ROSCOE BYRD, Deceased.**

CASE NO. PR 2023-209

**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary having been granted to John Harold Byrd, as Personal Representative of the Estate of John Roscoe Byrd, deceased, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate 11/23,30&12/7-pd.**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA****ENTERPRISE DIVISION**In the Matter of the Estate of **KEITH MARTIN BISHOP**, Deceased.

Case No.: PR-2023-213

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**Letters of Administration for the Estate of **Keith Martin Bishop** having been granted to **Sue A. Smith**, Personal Representative, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 by the **Honorable Jodee R. Thompson**, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice ishereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **DONE** this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 11/30,12/7&amp;14-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA****Elba Division****IN RE: The estate of BERT ARTHUR BURRIL, Deceased.**

CASE NO. PC 2023-084

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to CASEY JAMES BURRIL, as Personal Representative of the estate of **Bert Arthur Burril**, deceased on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, by the Honorable Judge of Probate.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Gary D. Bradshaw, GARY D. BRADSHAW (BRA074)

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA****ENTERPRISE DIVISION**

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles N. Locklar, Deceased.

Case No.: PR-2023-217

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **David Locklar**, Personal Representative, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2023 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **DONE** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2023.

/s/ Jodee Thompson, Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge 12/7,14,&amp;21-pd.

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## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*We sat down to work on a list of Christmas presents for the grandchildren over the weekend and for once didn't hear my billfold make an aching sound as the list grew longer. I will admit there will be things added to the list over the days to come, but for now we are off to a good start and have things on it that they both will enjoy. Keep your fingers crossed!*

*For what it is worth....*

\*\*\* *After 13 record setting weeks* the Elba Tigers saw their trek toward a state championship end on a soggy football field in Leroy. The Tigers brought the whole town back together during their long winning streak, as was evident by the large number of fans that made the long road trips the last two weeks to Maplesville and Leroy, and it was a fun ride for everyone involved. By now all Elba fans have already relived the game numerous times, moaned about the failure to put points on the scoreboard on four scoring opportunities in the first half, and probably pointed fingers and blame at a lot of folks for the loss. I agree that from my seat in the pressbox there may have been some things that happened that I didn't understand. However, I prefer to look back at the season as a whole, and despite the disappointing outcome in final game, it was quite a ride.

\*\*\* *The 'Super 7' football championships* will be played this week in Tuscaloosa and it should be quite a week with nine of the fourteen teams boasting perfect records. Four-time defending 7A champ Thompson heads the list of prep powers making the trip, while Leroy will be looking to go back-to-back in 1A, Fyffe is back as always in 2A, two private schools from two of the state's largest cities (Mobile Christian and Madison Academy) will battle in 3A, Montgomery Catholic is back and still looking for a title in 4A, Gulf Shores will try to cap off an unbeaten season in 5A, and Saraland will face Clay-Chalkville in a meeting of 6A powers. It looks like quite a week of action for all high school fans.

\*\*\* *The high school basketball season* is rolling along and locally it continues to be a fun start for many of the teams in the area. On the boys side, Zion Chapel lost its first game of the season, but is still a team filled with enthusiasm that plays hard every second, while Kinston is getting better every time it takes the court and New Brockton has shown flashes of being a really good team. Over with the girls, Kinston and New Brockton are both off to fast starts and have their fans excited about what is to come, and Zion Chapel is working hard to get better and will no doubt settle in before long and give its fans something to cheer about.

\*\*\* *It was a very good week* for the two college teams in the state that competed in conference championship games as Alabama knocked off Georgia and Troy broke loose late to clobber App State. The Crimson Tide continued to amaze their fans as they won their ninth straight game to win their seventh SEC title in ten years, and the Trojans made it two straight Sun Belt titles and made it clear they are a mid-major power.

\*\*\* *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* hit on 10 of 13 playoff picks last week as he continued one of his best seasons ever. He was still shaking his head about Elba's loss to Leroy in the 1A semi's, but bragged about Alabama and Troy winning conference titles, and then left his final picks of the season. Here goes.... (7A) Central PC 24 Thompson 17, (6A) Saraland 31 Clay-Chalkville 21, (5A) Gulf Shores 35 Ramsay 32, (4A) Cherokee County 21 Montgomery Catholic 20, (3A) Mobile Christian 35 Madison Academy 14, (2A) Fyffe 28 Reeltown 20, (1A) Leroy 21 Coosa Christian 14.

Here is to hoping the gridiron guesspert will make plans to be back next season for even more fun.



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## Hand Rebels first loss

## 'Brockton bounces Zion Chapel 62-59

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and held on late to escape with a wild 62-59 win over the previously undefeated Zion Chapel Rebels.

New Brockton jumped out to a 15-9 first quarter lead and carried a big 35-22 lead in at the half, only to see the Rebels scorch the nets for 26 points in the third quarter to pull within 53-48, and had to turn back a furious fourth quarter rally to claim the exciting home court win.

Josiah Peterson scored 22 points, grabbed 6 rebounds, had 2 steals and 1 blocked shot to lead the Gamecocks, while Yassiah Rousseau added 12 points, 7 rebounds and 2 steals; Baylon Foster added 7 points, 6 rebounds and 1 steal; Anthony Silar added 6 points and 3 rebounds; Bryant Crumpler added 4 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; and Cayden Wallace added 4 points and 1 steal. Josiah Lewis and Noah Moore both added 2 points, and Blake Cox scored 1 point.

Zion Chapel was led by Slade Grantham with 20 points, while Jacob Chestnut added 12 points and Joseph Lagear and Hayden Speckert both added 11.

*(Girls)*

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks made it look easy in a 50-13 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. The Lady Gamecocks owned a slim 6-4 lead after one quarter, but took command in the second quarter to open up a 24-9

## 'Super 7' teams are set

Nine undefeated teams will among the 14 schools that will be heading to Tuscaloosa Dec. 6-7-8 to compete in the 2023 AHSAA Super 7 State Football Championships at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

That unbeaten list grows to 12 when consider the teams playing in the AHSAA's third Girls' Flag Football Finals on Wednesday. Action gets underway next week with Wenonah (20-0) facing Montgomery Catholic (17-3) in the first ever Class 1A/5A girls' flag championship game at 1 p.m. Following that contest at 3 p.m., Vestavia Hills (17-0) and Central-Phenix City (17-0) meet in the 6A/7A division finals. The Flag Football championships, which are in their third and final year of emerging sport status, have doubled in the number of schools participating in the sport. Flag football will officially become an AHSAA championship sport beginning with the 2024-25 and 2025-26 classification period.

For the second straight year, all seven boys' championship games and the girls' Flag finals will be televised live over the Alabama Public Television Network. The games are being produced by the NFHS Network with Vince Earley and his WOTM TV crew producing the games. All games will also be live streamed over the NFHS Network and over the AHSAA Radio Network as well.

## SUPER 7 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa, Dec. 6-7-8

(Home teams listed second in each pairing)

## CLASS 1A FINALS

Coosa Christian (9-5) vs. Leroy (13-0), Thurs., Dec. 7, 3 p.m.

## CLASS 2A FINALS

Fyffe (13-1) vs. Reeltown (13-0), Fri., Dec. 8, 3 p.m.

## CLASS 3A FINALS

Mobile Christian (14-0) vs. Madison Academy (14-0), Thurs., Dec. 7, 11 a.m.

## CLASS 4A FINALS

Montgomery Catholic (14-0) vs. Cherokee County (13-1), Fri., Dec. 8, 11 a.m.

## CLASS 5A FINALS

Gulf Shores (14-0) vs. Ramsay (12-2), Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.

## CLASS 6A FINALS

Saraland (14-0) vs. Clay-Chalkville (13-0), Fri., Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

## CLASS 7A FINALS

Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa

Central-Phenix City (12-0) vs. Thompson (11-1), Wednesday, 7 p.m.

## GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## CLASS 1A/5A FINALS

Montgomery Catholic vs. Wenonah, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

## CLASS 6A/7A FINALS

Central-Phenix City vs. Vestavia Hills, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

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Central-Phenix City vs. Vestavia Hills, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

half-time advantage and coasted in with the big win. Brittany Williams scored 13 points, grabbed 14 rebounds, had 1 steal and 2 blocked shots to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Reese Eddins added 9 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals and 1 block; JK Weeks added 7 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals and 1 block; Casey Williams added 7 points and 1 block; Samantha Siniard added 3 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals; Ariana Smith added 5 points and 4 steals; Aniya Barkley added 2 points and 4 rebounds; and Hailey Townsend added 2 points, 7 rebounds and 1 steal.

Hagen Sessions and Charlotte Sanders both scored 4 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Jasie Herbert added 3 points and Maggie Downing scored 2.

*(JV Boys)*

The New Brockton Gamecocks dropped a 24-14 decision to the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Rebels pulled out to a 12-6 half-time lead and never looked back to claim the road win.

William Adkison scored 6 points, grabbed 7 rebounds and had 2 steals to lead the Gamecocks, while Maurice Jones added 3 points, 1 steal and 1 rebound; David Harris added 3 points, 1 rebound and 3 steals; and Gabriel Dean added 2 points and 2 rebounds.

Brayden Benbow scored 4 points to lead the Rebels, while Kavan Brown, Brodie Davis, Trent Elrod, John Foster Hamm, Austin Kidd and Brayden McCarty all added 3 points, and Jackson Dowdy scored 2.



New Brockton Gamecock Baylon Foster (4) points to the scoreboard showing the Gamecocks on top in recent high school basketball action.

## LOCAL AREA

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## HIGHLIGHTS

## BOYS:

## Opp 55 Kinston 50

The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 55-50 loss to Opp. DJ Hines scored 23 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had 5 steals to lead Opp, while Alan Jones added 9 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 blocked shots.

## Zion Chapel 49 Arton 38

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their early-season surge with a 49-38 win over Arton. Slade Grantham scored 20 points and Jacob Chestnut added 15 to lead the Rebels.

## Pleasant Home 68 New Brockton 61

The New Brockton Gamecocks jumped out to a 16-14 first quarter lead, but trailed 31-25 at the half and saw a fourth quarter rally fall short in the loss. Josiah Peterson scored 22 points and grabbed 5 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Anthony Silar added 12 points, 3 rebounds and 1 steal; Yassiah Rousseau added 10 points and 5 rebounds; and Baylon Foster added 7 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals.

## Houston Academy 66 Kinston 43

The Kinston Bulldogs couldn't keep up in a 66-43 loss to Houston Academy. CJ Lunsford and Michael Thompson both scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Houston Academy was led by Jordan Forrester and Kady Mitchell with 13 points, apiece.

## Providence Christian 75 New Brockton 38

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 75-38 loss to Providence Christian. The Gamecocks trailed 14-4 after one quarter and 35-12 at the half in the lopsided loss. Pearce Boone scored 24 points, grabbed 9 rebounds, handed out 4 assists and had 4 steals to lead Providence Christian, while Powell Phillips added 14 points as Providence Christian upped its record to 5-1.

## GIRLS:

## Kinston 51 Opp 16

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs made it look easy with a 51-16 romp past Opp. Kaley Norris scored 32 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Lilli Sumbly and Trinity Carnley both added 6. Cuba Wiggins led Opp with 6 points, 5 rebounds and 3 blocked shots.

## New Brockton 60 Pleasant Home 17

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks rolled to a dominating 60-17 win over Pleasant Home. Ariana Smith scored 17 points, grabbed 2 rebounds and had 10 steals to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Brittany Williams added 11 points, 3 steals and 2 rebounds; Casey Williams scored 10 points, grabbed 6 rebounds and had 8 steals; and Aniya Barkley scored 5 points and pulled down 14 rebounds.

## Arton 57 Zion Chapel 6

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never recovered in a 57-6 loss to Arton. Nya Allen scored 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Arton, while Lizzy Woodfaulk added 12 points and had 12 steals.

## Providence Christian 50 New Brockton 47

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled until the final buzzer in a 50-47 loss to Providence Christian. Annabeth Townsend scored 34 points and had 8 steals to lead Providence Christian, while Raegan Elmore added 7 points and 6 rebounds.

## JUNIOR VARSITY:

## Opp 33 Kinston 23

The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a 33-23 decision to Opp. Connor Powers scored 9 points and Jeshurun Crittenden added 8 to lead Opp.

## Pleasant Home 35 New Brockton 25

The New Brockton Gamecocks held their own for the first two quarters in a 35-25 loss to Pleasant Home. The Gamecocks trailed only 10-9 at halftime, but saw Pleasant Home pull away late to claim the win. Brody Eubanks scored 7 points to lead New Brockton, while David Harris added 6 points, 4 rebounds and 1 steal.

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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Brayden Johnson (12) comes up to make a stop on a Leroy runner in last week's 1A semifinal clash of the state's top two teams.



Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) fights for yardage. Adkins rushed for 44 yards on 5 carries in last week's 1A semifinal loss.

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Elba ousted in semifinal loss to Leroy 27-24

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers saw their dreams of a state championship turn into a nightmare with only 56-seconds left on the clock Friday night in a heartbreaking 27-24 semifinal loss to the defending state champion Leroy Bears, at Leroy.

Elba wasted an early scoring opportunity after reaching a first down at the Leroy 16-yardline on its initial possession, but Leroy wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as on its fourth play from scrimmage Brayden Huebner connected with Taylor Crumedy on a crossing route that went for 62 yards and a Bears touchdown. The extra-point sailed wide; however, with 5:45 remaining in the first quarter Leroy was already on top 6-0.

Elba reached a first down at the Leroy 39-yardline on its ensuing possession only to again come away empty-handed after being stopped on a fourth down, but the Tigers regained possession at their own 10-yardline after a punt and went 90 yards in 10 plays to grab the lead.

A 58-yard halfback pass from Alvin Henderson to Collin Arnold was a key play in the long scoring drive, while Henderson also rushed for 20 yards on seven carries and crossed the goal line on a 1-yard run. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point to put Elba on top 7-6 with 7:22 left in the second quarter.

Leroy began its ensuing possession at its own 20-yardline and answered the Tiger touchdown as it went 80 yards in 12 plays to regain the lead. Malik Howell rushed for 34 yards on four carries to lead the Bears down the field, while the score came on a 12-yard touchdown toss from Huebner to Crumedy. Rob Moseley kicked the extra-point, and with 2:06 left in the half the Bears were on top 13-7.

Elba quickly moved down the field on its ensuing possession as Alvin Henderson rushed for 37 yards on two carries to set the Tigers up at the Leroy 26-yardline. However, the scoring threat failed to produce points when on second down a pass was picked off in the endzone.

Leroy was 80 yards from the endzone with only 57 seconds left on the clock, but raced down the field with time to spare as Huebner lofted a deep pass down the sidelines that was hauled in by Crumedy, who outran an Elba defender for an 88-yard touchdown play. Moseley added the extra-point as the Bears lead grew to 20-7 with 29-seconds still left on the clock.

A 45-yard kickoff return by Alvin Henderson gave the Tigers a last-second scoring opportunity at the Leroy 27-yardline, but Elba again failed to cash in the scoring chance and at the half went in trailing 20-7.

Elba got a big break on the opening kickoff of the second half when the Tigers recovered a fumble at the Leroy 35-yardline, and this time the Tigers cashed in the opportunity when on second down Alvin Henderson turned the corner and raced 31-yards for a touchdown. Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 11:12 left in the third quarter Elba had pulled within 20-14.

Elba's Emmanuel Cooks recovered a Leroy fumble at its own 11-yardline to escape a Bears scoring threat, and the Tigers stung the Bears on the third play of the possession when Alvin Henderson broke a tackle, hit the sidelines and raced 86 yards for a touchdown. Wisecup's extra-point was true, and with 4:41 left in the quarter the Tigers were back on top 21-20.

Elba's Jacob Watkins recovered yet another Leroy fumble on the ensuing kickoff to set the Tigers up near midfield, but the Tigers failed to cash in the turnover and punted still clinging to the 21-20 advantage.

The game's next three possessions all ended in punts, with Elba putting the ball in play at its own 39-yardline with 5:54 remaining in the fourth quarter. Elba moved to two quick first downs on runs of 16 and 22 yards by Henderson and reached a first down at the Leroy 19-yardline, only to be set back on a penalty flag that left the Tigers facing a second down and 17 back at the Leroy 27. Henderson helped move the ball to the Leroy 14 on two hard runs to leave the Tigers facing a fourth down and four, but the Tigers were again flagged for a penalty, and Alex Wisecup came in and kicked a 35-yard field-goal with 1:33 remaining to up the Elba lead to 24-20.

Leroy began its ensuing possession at the Elba 48-yardline after a short kickoff went out of bounds, and the Bears took advantage of the short field to go 48 yards in five plays to steal the win. The score came on a 24-yard pass from Huebner to Joshua Reed, and Moseley added the extra-point as Leroy went on top 27-24 with 56-seconds remaining.

Elba began its final possession of the season at its own 37-yardline and moved across midfield on its initial play from scrimmage, but the ball was knocked loose from the Tiger runner and the Bears recovered to seal the 27-24 win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 316 yards and 3 touchdowns on 31 carries, completed a pass from 58 yards and returned a kickoff 45 yards to lead the Tigers, while Cayden Adkins rushed for 63 yards on 10 carries.

Brayden Huebner rushed for 44 yards on five carries and completed 12 of 24 passes for 256 yards and 4 touchdowns to lead Leroy, with Taylor Crumedy pulling in 7 passes for 202 yards and 3 td's.

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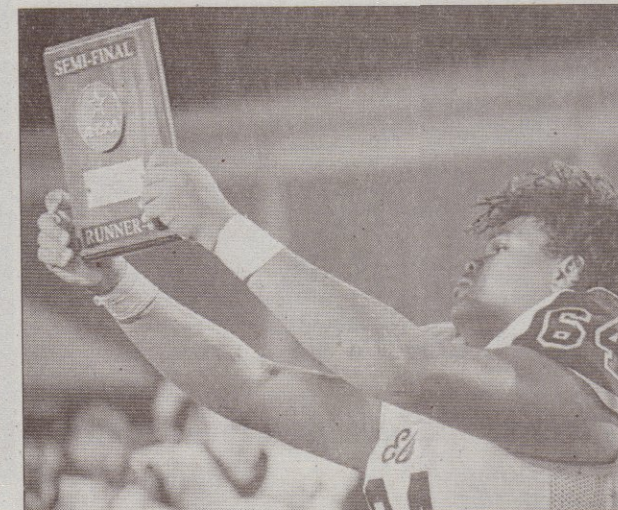
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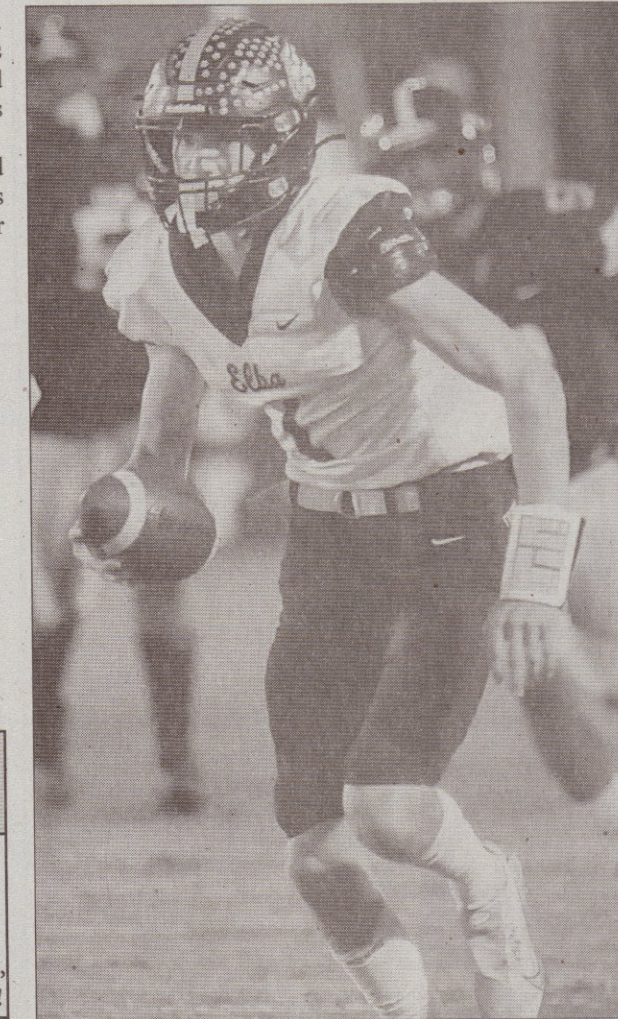
Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) rushed for 316 yards and 3 touchdowns on 31 carries in last week's 27-24 playoff loss to Leroy.



Adalyn O'Neal and the other Elba Tiger cheerleaders kept the 'Tiger Spirit' last week in Elba's 27-24 semifinal loss to Leroy that left the Tigers with a 13-1 record.



DISAPPOINTED, BUT PROUD.... Elba Tiger Jamal Siler (64) proudly holds the South Final runner-up plaque after last week's game in Leroy that ended the season for the Tigers.



Elba Tiger Colin Arnold (1) heads upfield on a 58-yard dash after pulling in a halfback pass from Alvin Henderson in last week's Class 1A semifinal battle against Leroy.



## LIFESTYLES



**SPECIAL GUEST FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARADE...**Byrdie Forbes brought a special guest with her to the Elba Christmas Parade held Monday night, Dec. 4th. Byrdie is shown holding Jingle the Reindeer, her friend from daycare. Each child from daycare will get to take Jingle home one night for a visit with that child and his/her family during the holiday season. While with each child, he/she has been asked to document any 'adventures' shared with Jingle. Byrdie was very excited that she was able to share Elba's Christmas Parade with Jingle during his visit with her and her family. Byrdie is the daughter of Robbie Forbes and Raeann McCollough.

### Christmas in the Village set for Dec. 16th in Elba, Ala.

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE will be held on Saturday, December 16, at Morrow Village, Jones Circle, Elba, AL. The event will begin at 1:00 P.M. and continue to 5:00 P.M. This event is sponsored by the Elba Housing Authority, MsHumblePie, and contributions from the Elba community. MsHumblePie is a group of volunteers who collect funds and purchase new clothing for less fortunate children. All their collected funds are spent in Elba for Elba children. There will be fun, excitement and "Joy To The World" during this event.

### Floats brought lots of fun to the Elba Christmas Parade

Several floats were included as part of the Elba Christmas Parade held Monday evening, Dec. 4, in Elba.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce announced the float winners following the parade, and Best Entry went to First Baptist Church with its "Joyful Noise" float.

The Best Theme award went to the Amy Marshall for Circuit Clerk float with the "Christmas Story" float.

Receiving honorable mentions were Cook Chevrolet with the National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation themed float, and the Elba Water and Electric crew entry with the Grinch theme.

Overall, everyone seemed to have a great time at this year's Elba Christmas Parade.

Prior to the parade, Elba city leaders lit the Elba Christmas tree, which is located on the Clements lot at the corner of Court Avenue and Davis Street.



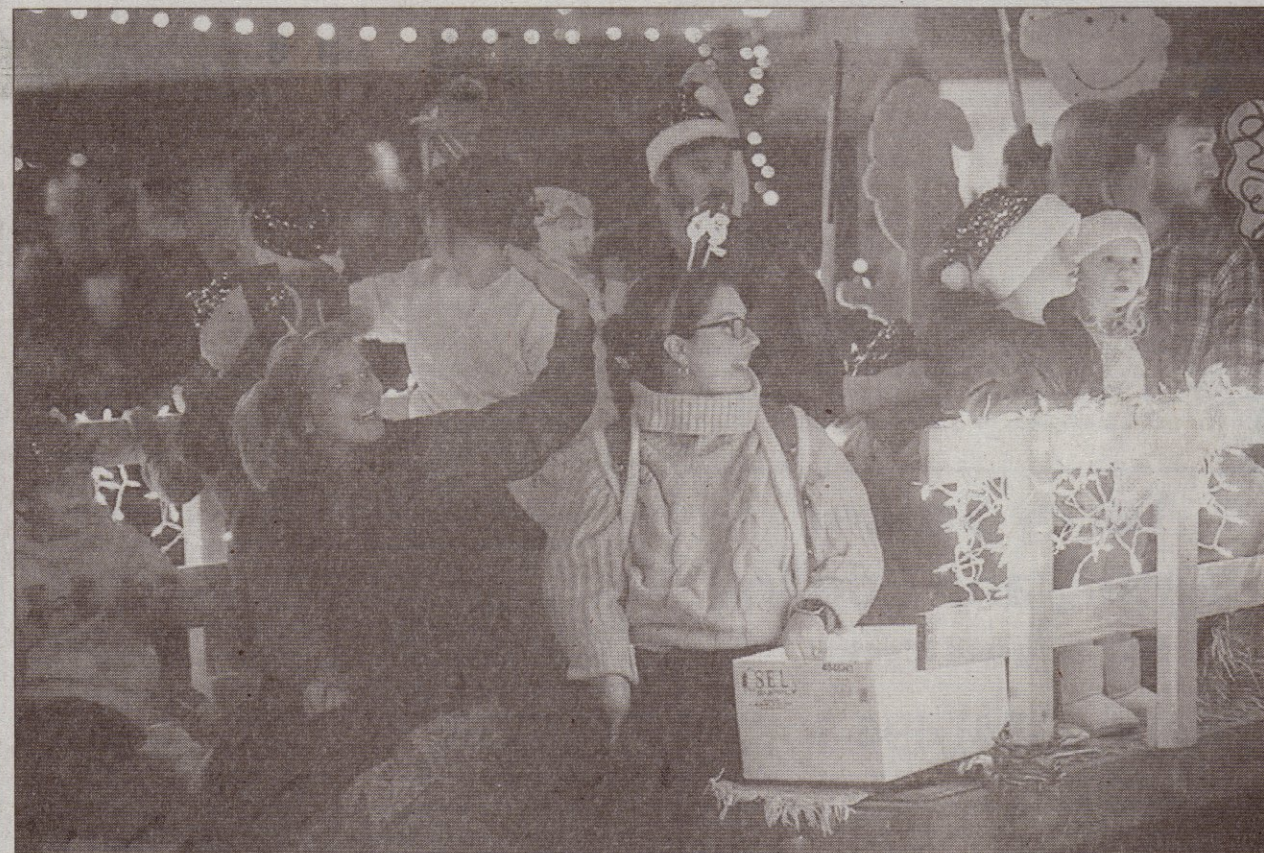
**BEST ENTRY:** These elves enjoyed being a part of the First Baptist Church float.



**BEST THEME:** Amy Marshall for Circuit Clerk with the "Christmas Story" float.



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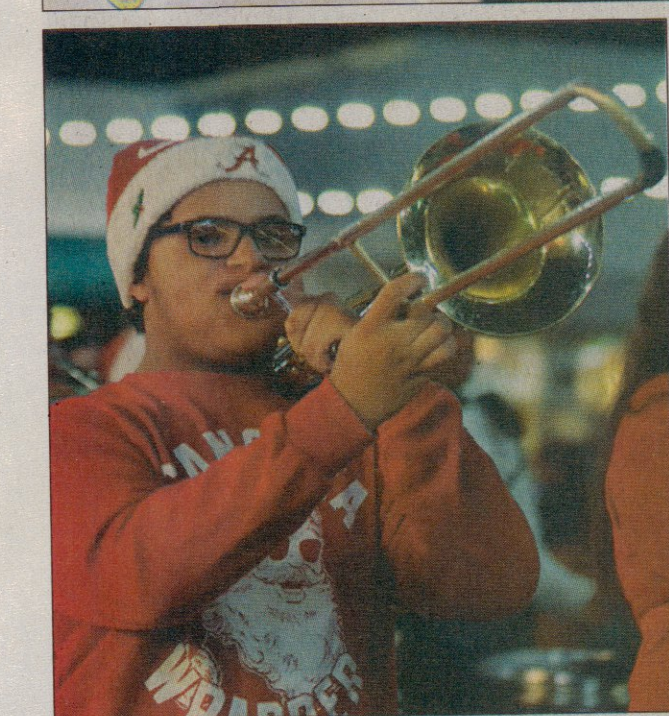
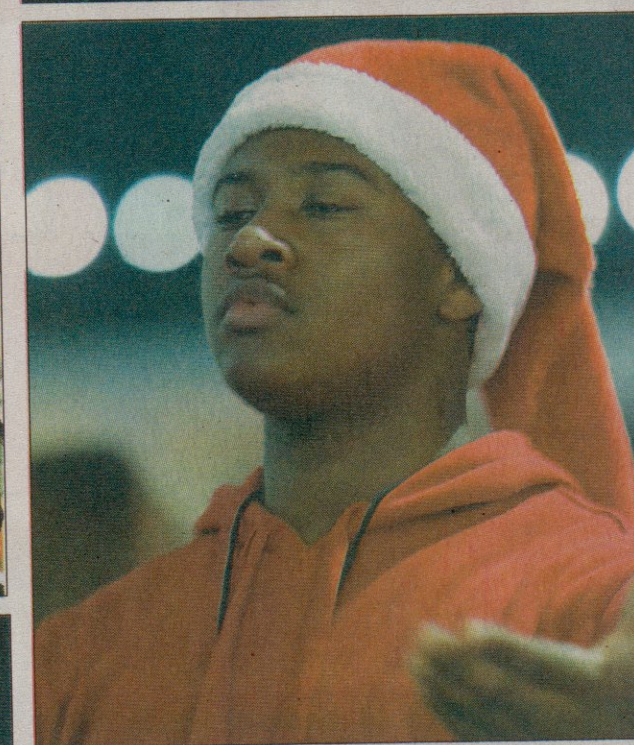
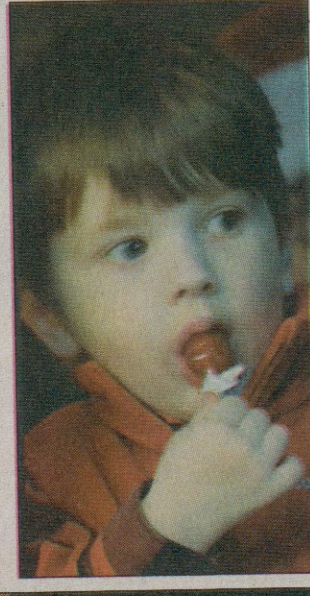
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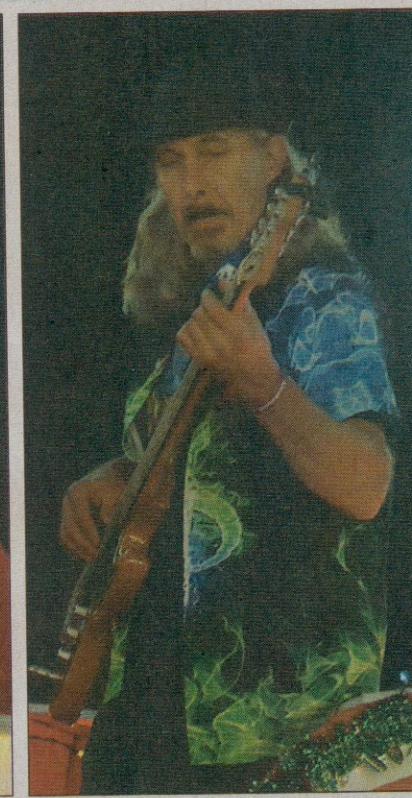
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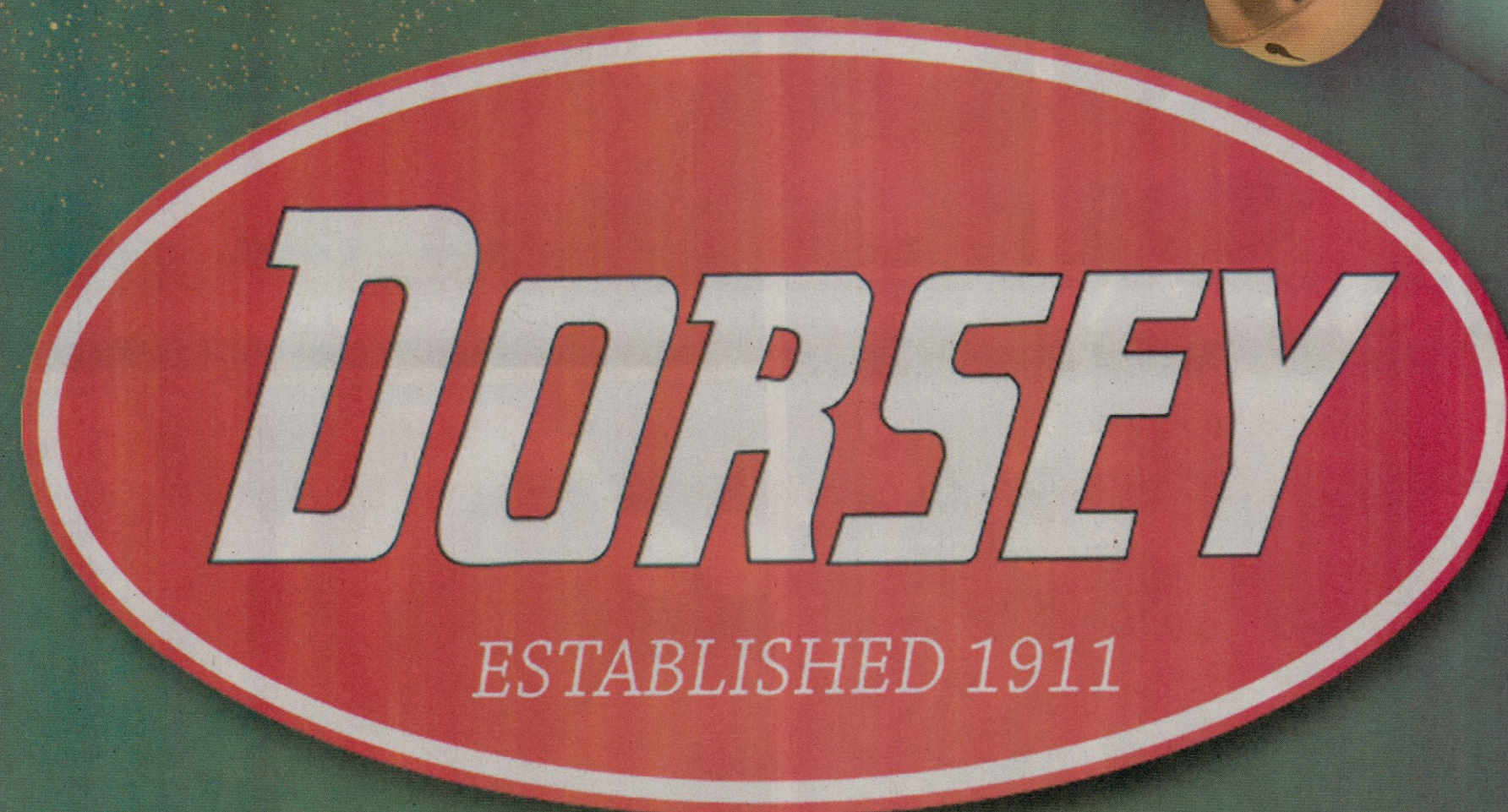
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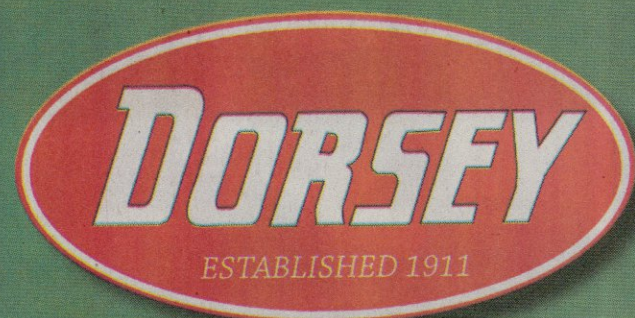
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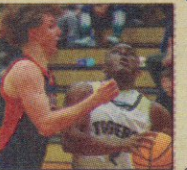
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